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Less: Amount realized on sale	16,000
Loss to be taken into account for purposes of sec- tion 165(a)	4 200

In this example the value of the building at the time of conversion is used as the basis for computing depreciation. See example (2) of this paragraph wherein the adjusted basis of the building is required to be used for such purpose.

Example (2). Residential property is purchased by the taxpayer in 1940 for use as his personal residence at a cost of \$23,000, of which \$10,000 is allocable to the building. The taxpayer uses the property as his personal residence until January 1, 1953, at which time its fair market value is \$20,000, of which \$12,000 is allocable to the building. The taxpayer rents the property from January 1, 1953, until January 1, 1957, at which time it is sold for \$17,000. On January 1, 1953, the building has an estimated useful life of 20 years. It is assumed that the building has no estimated salvage value and that there are no adjustments in respect of basis other than depreciation, which is computed on the straight-line method. The loss to be taken into account for purposes of section 165(a) for the taxable year 1957 is \$1,000, computed as

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Basis of property at time of conversion for purposes of this section (that is, the lesser of \$23,000 cost or \$20,000 fair market value)	\$20,000
1953, to January 1, 1957 (4 years at 5 percent based on \$10,000, the cost of the building, as prescribed by §1.167(g)–1	2,000
Adjusted basis prescribed in §1.1011-1 for deter-	
mining loss on sale of the property	\$18,000
Less: Amount realized on sale	17,000
Loss to be taken into account for purposes of sec-	4 000
tion 165(a)	1 000

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§1.165-10 Wagering losses.

Losses sustained during the taxable year on wagering transactions shall be allowed as a deduction but only to the extent of the gains during the taxable year from such transactions. In the case of a husband and wife making a joint return for the taxable year, the combined losses of the spouses from wagering transactions shall be allowed to the extent of the combined gains of the spouses from wagering transactions.

§ 1.165-11 Election in respect of losses attributable to a disaster.

- (a) In general. Section 165(h) provides that a taxpayer who has sustained a disaster loss which is allowable as a deduction under section 165(a) may, under certain circumstances, elect to deduct such loss for the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the disaster actually occurred.
- (b) Loss subject to election. The election provided by section 165(h) and paragraph (a) of this section applies only to a loss:
- (1) Arising from a disaster resulting in a determination referred to in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph and occurring—
 - (i) After December 31, 1971, or
- (ii) After December 31, 1961, and before January 1, 1972, and during the period following the close of a particular taxable year of the taxpayer and on or before the due date for filing the income tax return for that taxable year (determined without regard to any extension of time granted the taxpayer for filing such return);
- (2) Occurring in an area subsequently determined by the President of the United States to warrant assistance by the Federal Government under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974; and
- (3) Constituting a loss otherwise allowable as a deduction for the year in which the loss occurred under section 165(a) and the provisions of §§1.165–1 through 1.165–10 which are applicable to such losses.
- (c) Amount of loss to which election applies. The amount of the loss to which section 165(h) and this section apply shall be the amount of the loss sustained during the period specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section computed in accordance with the provisions of section 165 and those provisions of §§1.165–1 through 1.165–10 which are applicable to such losses. However, for purposes of making such computation, the period specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall be deemed to be a taxable year.
- (d) Scope and effect of election. An election made pursuant to section 165(h) and this section in respect of a loss arising from a particular disaster shall apply to the entire loss sustained